



February 24, 2014

Honorable Darrell Issa  
Chairman  
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight  
2157 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council) is pleased to support H.R. 1211, the FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013.

In a recent SBE Council/Center for Regulatory Solutions poll, 84% of Americans believe that there are too many special interests involved in shaping government rules, and 72% say regulations are created in a “secretive” rather than “open” process. Most Americans have no idea how the regulatory system works and they feel they have no voice in the process. At the same time, 70 percent of Americans believe regulations hurt the economy, 67 believe regulations hurt America’s competitiveness, 66 percent believe regulations hurt American workers, and 66 percent believe regulations hurt America’s small business.

We believe H.R. 1211 is an important step in reforming the regulatory process and making government more open and accountable. It would cause federal agencies to be more transparent and responsive to taxpayers by requiring information to be posted online and accessible to taxpayers. In addition, it would provide an opportunity for citizens to discover important information that is not available to them currently.

Thank you for your leadership on H.R. 1211. SBE Council looks forward to working with you to advance it into law.

Sincerely,

Karen Kerrigan  
President and Chief Executive Officer